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November 9, 2021

Mr. Scott Oxley
President
Northern Light Acadia Hospital
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RE: Northern Light Acadia Inpatient Services Capacity Project

Dear Mr. Oxley:

This letter will serve as notification that, on this date, I am granting a Certificate of Need (CON) that authorizes Northern Light Acadia Hospital to undertake an expansion of Inpatient services on your current campus in Bangor as well as other changes outlined in your CON application and the preliminary analysis.

For this CON to remain valid, the project must be "commenced" within two years from the date of this original approval. Limited extensions may be available, if requested in a timely manner and for good cause. Failure to commence the project within this 24- month period will result in expiration of the CON, unless extended.

I am granting this CON because I have determined that the project meets the criteria set forth at 22 MRS §335 (1) and the Departments regulations. The specific details of the project for which I have granted this CON are contained in the record.

Please be aware that in accordance with 22 MRS §346, this Certificate, is valid only for the stated scope, premises and facility named in the above referenced application and is not transferable or assignable.

Furthermore, it should be clearly understood that our analysis and findings regarding the need for the proposed project, as well as its financial and economic feasibility, are predicated on the application record. Consequently, the proposal must be implemented consistent with the approval stated in this letter, as informed, and clarified by the Department's analysis and findings as summarized in the following Department staff reports:

FINAL REVIEW: Briefing memo to Jeanne M. Lambrew, Commissioner, DHHS, dated November 9, 2021.

No significant changes to the project, no variations from the projected operating costs, no modifications of the terms of financing the project, and no increase in the capital expenditures to

be made are permitted without the prior written approval of the Department. Any such variances may result in either the disallowance of related expenses, financial penalties, or the immediate revocation of the Certificate of Need.

Please work closely with my staff in Health Care Oversight to assure this project is implemented in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate and applicable rules and regulations.

The Certificate of Need statute requires that a holder of a CON make a written report at the end of each six-month period following its issuance. Details regarding this and related requirements will be the subject of further communications from the Division of Licensing.

My staff will work with you as necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeanne M. Lambrew".

Jeanne M. Lambrew
Commissioner, DHHS

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